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Quartering Area Hq and Hq Units Third Shock Army in Magdeburg and
Brandenburg and Posts of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps

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REMARKS _____
This is UNEVALUATED

1. Between 23 June and 23 August 1954, the Encke Kaserne (5281) in Magdeburg was occupied to capacity. The barracks buildings were fully lighted on several nights of observation. Numerous personnel on foot, predominantly officers, were observed. They wore red-bordered black, black-bordered crimson and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. No training was observed.

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2. Between 23 June and 15 July, the Flak Kaserne (5232) in Magdeburg was occupied by approximately 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, prior to 22 August, by between 350 and 400 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Neither guns nor fire control equipment were seen in the AAA emplacements east of the athletic field during the period of observation. Telephone operation service training and, occasionally, instruction on 3 x 37-mm AA guns was observed.

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Six 37-mm guns were still stationed in the known AAA emplacement near the Biederitz railroad bridge. 2

3. Between 8 and 13 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) in Magdeburg appeared to be only partially occupied. On 26 August, the installation was occupied to capacity. 25X1
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4. During the nights on 23 and 24 August, intensive vehicular traffic was observed on the northern road bridge at Magdeburg. Empty trucks went west and trucks loaded with equipment went east.
5. Between 24 and 31 August, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) in Magdeburg appeared to be only partially occupied. 25X1
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7. Prior to 21 July, the Panzer Kaserne (5061) in Burg was occupied by only a small guard detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicles were seen under the lean-to roofs in the southwest corner of the installation. 6
8. Prior to 19 August, the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by only a guard detail.
9. The units from the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg were still stationed at Altengrabow prior to 19 August. A Soviet officer stated that they were to return to the post in late October. Married officers and NCOs frequently went from Altengrabow to Brandenburg. 25X1
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10. In August, the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg was still occupied by only a guard detail of the units stationed at Altengrabow. On 26 August, 8 AA guns and 12 trucks with approximately 150 soldiers entered the installation. 25X1
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11. Between 10 and 24 August, the Nord Kaserne (5182) in Hillersleben was only partially occupied. Twenty to 23 T-34 and JS tanks and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia were seen in the quartering area. 25X1
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A large part of the quarters of this unit appeared to be vacant. On 10 August, Colonel Nikolayev, commanding officer of the unit, and Major Pavlenkov, supply officer, were seen in the installation. Fourteen trucks with two-axle special trailers, presumably mounting searchlights, were seen in two sheds in the east section of the installation. A shed in the north section of the installation was occupied to capacity by trucks carrying N2P 41-45-type pontons and 2 motorboats. A few soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were seen with the vehicles.

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12. Between 10 and 24 August, the West Kaserne (5181) in Hillersleben was about 70 percent occupied. An officer of the AAA unit stated that this unit transferred to the Altengrabow training grounds on 10 August, for about 3 weeks' training.
13. At 1100 on 10 August, a train which carried 7 T-34/85 tanks and 4 trucks and included 3 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, went to the loading ramp in the Nord Kaserne (5182) in Hillersleben. The train came from the direction of Haldensleben.
14. On 25 August, the Nord Kaserne in Hillersleben was lightly occupied by approximately 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Four 85-mm AT guns entered the installation from the direction of Merseburg.
15. On 25 August, the West Kaserne in Hillersleben was occupied by approximately 1,500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Five T-34/85 tanks, approximately 150 soldiers who received training in firing and other soldiers who serviced trucks were seen in the barracks area. Several signal communication details engaged in telephone operations service training south of the installation.
16. On 27 July, the Remonte Schule (5102) and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101) in Gardalegen appeared to be occupied. Many windows were open in the two installations. A sentry seen at Remonte Schule wore red-bordered black epaulets.
17. On 4 August, the Remonte Schule in Gardalegen appeared to be only lightly occupied by a detail of approximately 50 soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 90 percent of the windows of the quarters were closed.
18. On 4 August, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101) in Gardalegen was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. A T-34 tank was seen in the training area of the former airfield. Approximately 150 soldiers received field training in the northern portion of the airfield.
19. On 15 July and 7 August, the Borstel Fliegerhorst (5585) in Stendal was occupied. Driving school vehicle was repeatedly seen en route to and from the installation. At 2015 on 2 August, about 6 rocket launchers fired toward Salchau from emplacements near Staats.
20. On 23 July, the installation between Stalingrader Strasse and Stendaler Strasse in Tangermunde was occupied by a rear detail of 50 to 80 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three canvas-covered 85-mm AA guns were seen in the installation.

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10. Comment. Information on the occupation of Remonte Schule is contradictory. It is assumed that the units of the unidentified Mtrcl Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div were stationed in the summer camp of the division in the Letzling Heath during the period of observation. Major elements of the 598th Mtz Rifle Regt of the division were probably stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne until early August. 25X1
11. Comment. In early August, units of the 399th (?) RL Regt or the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps were probably at Letzling Heath for firing practices. In late July, other elements of the regiment had also engaged in firing practices at Letzling Heath. 25X1
12. Comment. In May and June, the bulk of the 953d AAA Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div had been stationed at Wustrow for firing practices. Subsequently, the battalion probably transferred to the summer camp of the division in Letzling Heath. 25X1

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